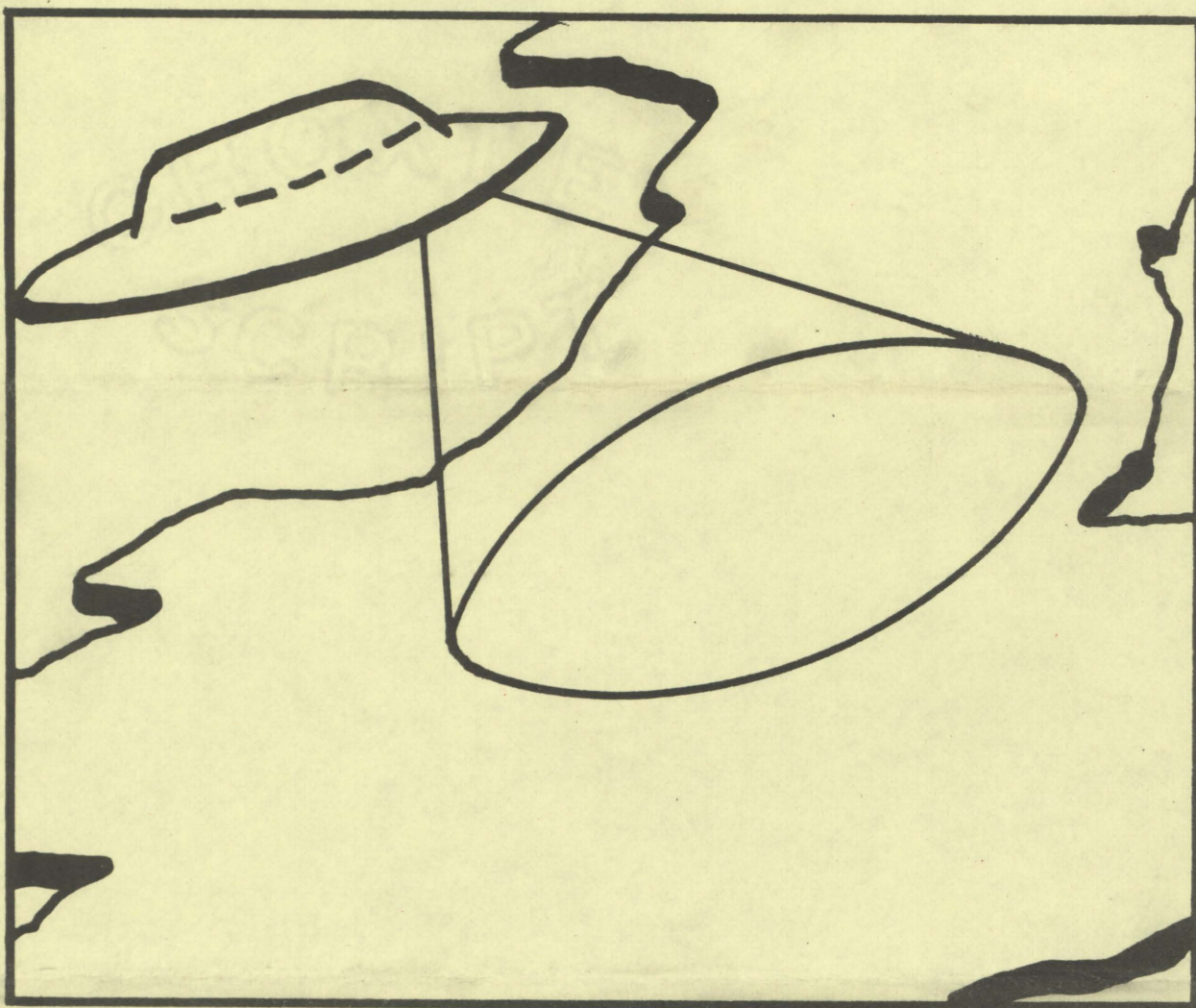


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EDITORIAL: If the Martians landed..... or maybe if they HAD.

Whether or not you believe in extraterrestrials it is certainly interesting to ponder what might happen if the aliens landed and presented themselves to the world. On October 15 the ITV film was 'Escape from the planet of the Apes' and this prompted a discussion between the authors of this editorial.

The basic story was that in the far future the roles of man and ape are reversed and after an ape war three monkeys escape into the past by spaceship. They then present themselves to a welcoming committee and then the United Nations and the Pentagon are called in to interview them before putting them up at a posh hotel.

What would happen in the situation where the aliens are not so alien...ie the familiar humanoid entities that we are so used to in ufology? Most of you are aware of the happenings between 'Gary' and Jenny Randles and Peter Warrington. The initial reaction on confrontation with this 'alien' was frank disbelief and who would not react in this way? We are so conditioned into accepting aliens as looking like monsters then if one turns out to be 'normal' we probably would find it impossible to accept. So maybe there are aliens amongst our midst after all. Of course, the cunning aliens, knowing our psychology, would realise that if they looked like aliens we would more than likely lock them away at some military base, threaten them with our biggest weapons and maybe even destroy them out of fear. Perhaps it is sensible policy if you look like a lamb to enter a wolf pit disguised as a wolf. It may be safer that way.

From the what might be to the what might have been, Eric Von Daniken has a new book out and he was on Piccadilly Radio in Manchester recently promoting it. At the same time he skillfully avoided tricky questions like 'Is it true that you were found guilty of embezzlement?' Answer... 'No....well the court found me guilty but I wasn't really' 'Is it true that you made a lot of money out of your books?' Answer... 'No this is a fallacy. I don't have a yacht or a private aircraft or anything. I only made about a million pounds in the last years' 'I understand that you charge quite a bit for your lectures?' Answer,..... 'Not unless I know people can afford it. Then I charge about a thousand pounds.' Yes Mr Daniken.... enough said.

Horizon on BBC 2 on November 3 then presented a programme on the Nazca lines in South America, so beloved by Von Daniken as obvious symbols from the Gods. Yet the experts here seemed to disagree. They seemed to find much more conventional ideas logical, and I must say that it seems probable that if one has a choice between the fantastic and the incredible it seems sensible to accept the fantastic as true rather than the latter. So, probably the ancient inhabitants of these lands were clever. Do we need to postulate extraterrestrial mentors.

Much of Danikens thinking is at best woolly and at worst totally illogical. To be sure there are some interesting things to be explained, such as why there seem to be parallels between traditions and folklores of so many countries. However, it seems we may find answers to these questions closer at hand than Alpha Centauri. Or at least maybe we ought to start looking for them there first and move outwards after these possibilities are exhausted. After all we are supposed to be scientists and not romancers. Sometimes the two can combine, but we must always assume they do not.

An analysis of the data NOT in last month's NU N.

I have been becoming increasingly worried by the vital data that is being left out of reports featured in NUN. One of the editors informed me that it is not NUN's policy to publish detailed reports, this aspect being left to the publications of the local groups. If this is the case the report ought to refer the reader to this more detailed treatment, but it is my experience that local groups rarely publish in greater depth than the NUN. The function of the NUN reports section ought to be to catalogue fully detailed reports readily available from the NUFON files.

NUFONs policy is to publish all reports without attempting to evaluate them. I am convinced this is the right approach, but if it is to work the reports must contain at least enough information to allow the reader to evaluate his own interests or the researcher to utilise for his specific studies.

In order to show up the magnitude of this problem I have surveyed the 25 suitable reports in last month's NUN (one occupant only and the infamous Hull policeman affair being left out). I have listed eight pieces of data which, in my opinion, are so basic that they ought to be in every report. I calculated the percentage of these 25 reports in which this data was present. In all cases I have given the benefit of doubt if there was any evidence to indicate omission was because the witness could not remember. I have also done this where that piece of data was not applicable. I had then intended to calculate the percentage of reports having all the data, fully expecting it to be low. As it turned out calculation was unnecessary. Not a single report had all the data included!!!

TIME	84%	DATE	92%
DIRECTION OF MOTION	32%	RELATIVE SIZE OF OBJECT	12%
COLOUR OF OBJECT	76%	DURATION OF SIGHTING	76%
LOCATION OF WITNESS	96%	DIRECTION AND ELEVATION	12%

I would stress again that the above are only the eight most important pieces of data. Much, much more should be included as routine in competent reports. The point I am making is that it proves almost impossible to test a report against natural or man made phenomena if the above data is not included. So a report is useless.

It is quite clear where the main problems lie from the figures above. The relative size of the object is particularly crucial if one is to be able to estimate the strangeness of a case. Witnesses are generally very poor at describing the size and dynamic characteristics of objects in the sky, and where possible a reconstruction of the event should be carried out at the site. The investigator can then convert the direction that the witnesses's finger is pointing to into an elevation and bearing. Then the witness can be asked to hold cardboard discs of varying diameter at arms length to gauge the relative size.

I am not placing responsibility for this problem on anyone in particular (I resisted the temptation to liven up this article by producing a league table of 'Investigational competence' by group) Rather I think the main problem is lack of experience on the part of local group investigators and it is difficult to see exactly what can be done about this.

An idea might be to set up an investigator training programme (much as BUFORA are supposedly trying to do). This could be either at a NUFON level or at local group level. Also experienced investigators could prepare articles on specific aspects related to investigations for publication in the NUN. One thing seems certain if there is no improvement we will continue to spend large amounts of time collecting essentially useless data!

(Comments please..... I am sure that there are some of those experienced investigators out there itching to write articles - so get going. Also how about some volunteers to try to coordinate a training programme - certainly a valuable idea. Any offers..... do I hear a voice from the land of the shamrock??? - EDITOR)

"Let's do a Hynek", says I to Paul Whetnall.

"I don't think I know that dance, says he to me.."

"No," I reply, in my 'superior' ufologists voice, "I mean like in his book 'The Edge of Reality' with Jacques Vallee. We have an in depth discussion on the meaning of the ufo phenomenon and then submit it to somebody as an article."

"Who'd be daft enough to print anything we might have to say," says Paul.

"Oh... We'll find somebody," I respond with a false sense of belief.

And so it began. Our great debate on the origins of this puzzling subject, fanned fortuitously by our diametrically opposing viewpoints.

"UFOs come from space," Paul launches straight into the attack.

"Prove it!" says I

Momentarily stunned at this prospect (ETH supporters never seriously consider the possibility that there is need for proof) Paul ponders a while:

"Well they tell us they do" is his final calculated response.

But I am wise to this and strike back, "I could say that I'm Miss Piggy from the Muppets, would you believe me?"

"There's no answer to that," says Paul (Smart move that, puts me on the recoil)

"No, but seriously" I counter, coming back to my senses, "UFOs are the same thing that we viewed as fairies in the middle ages and airships in the nineteenth century. People believed they were those things then, now they believe they are spaceships."

"Well people probably just misinterpreted these spaceships as fairies and things in those days," he replies (as if to say 'Get out of that')

I can and I do.

"Then why did they emphasise the view that they were airships. The phenomenon creates its own solutions as time progresses and makes sure we believe them. Yet none of them are true." Sensing we are fast approaching stalemate I move on.

"Any way, lets get back to the original point. If you think UFOs come from space prove it to me."

"Well there must be millions of planets in space", says he.

"Agreed"

"Millions must have life on them,"

"Agreed"

"Many of them will be more advanced than us and come to earth"

"Agreed"

"So there you are... UFOs come from space... well some do." Paul rests his case

with a look of satisfaction which is shattered when I rejoinder.

"Rubbish!" "You've shown that UFOs could come from space. You haven't proved that they do. I could give you a nice argument to show that they are built by Santa Claus at the North Pole, but I couldn't prove that they are."

"OK then," says Paul, emulating the maxim when on the run look as if you're winning,

"Where do you think UFOs come from?"

"Well I'm pretty sure its not space, That's too pat. Too simple. One thing I do know is that UFOs have a complex origin. One that they are lying to us about to cover up. I like Keel's view of a 'Cosmic Watergate'. Also there is more than one answer. Some UFOs, particularly close contacts, are more related to the mind than anything."

"This is beginning to sound like a commercial for your book," remarks Paul.

"Now I wasn't going to mention that but....," I smile inwardly, "UFOs: A British Viewpoint, my book with Peter Warrington, will explain it all."

"So you've solved the UFO problem," says Paul.

"Not at all," says I, "We've just created a hundred new problems. We will keep chasing the answers and they'll keep running away. Like one of those movie actors who looks like he's running when he's really standing still and the scenery is moving."

"So we'll never know the truth," says Paul disappointedly.

"Perhaps we're not meant to. Perhaps it doesn't matter. Maybe the truth that counts is the truth we believe in, even if that truth isn't truly truth... if you see what I mean"

"Yes... No... Maybe..." says Paul. He's lost by now, and so am I. Our debate closes with no answers just a lot more questions.

"I wonder why Hynek never ends up like this?" muses Paul.

"Ah well he's clever, you see," I remark. Then wistfully, "Perhaps he's too clever. You may need to be as thick as two short planks to find the answer."

"Sowe stand, a chance then," says Paul.

"You said it...." and here I call it a day before I find out the real truth about flying saucers. When thrown they cause a nasty bump on the head!

Are they worth the time and effort? That should be the first question. My own answer is 'NO'. I know there are people who give up a lot of their time to organise these watches and I do not wish to offend them. NUFORA has taken part in the first two watches on the NUFON programme. As in most things, if the net results do not match up to the effort put in, then they are not worthwhile.

The usual justification is that skywatches are worth doing because they make people aware of things that can be seen in the night sky, but I feel this could be achieved by any new member going out for a short time with a person who has experience of astronomical phenomena and other relevant things such as landing lights, meteors etc. With perhaps a handout with descriptions of things likely to be seen they would be well prepared to do a bit of skywatching any time it was convenient and a suitable night!

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SOME IDEAS FOR NUFON FROM OVERSEAS

It seems that the NUFON ideas are catching on! In Italy a new organisation, called CSUI (see Essex UFO Study Group Journal Sep 77) has begun. This emulates our ideals and has a basis similar to NUFON, but provides some operative suggestions I feel that we ought to consider.

- 1) The most experienced group or individual within a region acts as the regional office for the network. These offices (about 6 in number) would maintain much closer liaison with individuals in each area as well as partly aiding the problems expressed by Derek James (last month) and John Hind (p2) with lack of experience.
- 2) Every group should agree to be involved with at least one ongoing research project. This work should be coordinated by NUFON and eventually published.
- 3) The network should have special research teams to tackle specific problems within the subject. These should come about by coordinating researchers in the regions.

Certainly ideas 2 and 3 are important and can be introduced right away. All groups ought to be able to develop a research project. Members will have various ideas, and many special interests. AT YOUR NEXT MEETING DISCUSS THIS AND COME UP WITH A PROJECT YOU CAN WORK ON. Then notify NUFON of its basis and we will publish details in the NUN. Set a target of one year for publication, with perhaps an interim report after six months.

As for NUFON research teams one which we can immediately initiate is on ANIMAL INTERFERENCE CASES. We have a copy of the UFOCAT listing on these cases and it is known that one or two researchers within NUFON are interested. Please contact me if you wish to participate. Perhaps the NUFOIS HQ, being developed as a full scale ufo resources centre, could become the centre for NUFON research. All files, library and indexed data is being collated there for ready availability to all researchers.

SIGHTING REPORTS SECTION

Report 76/149

AUGUST 23 1976 Burnley, Lancashire

LEVEL A PULSE

A lady in her bedroom at 2.25am had a strange experience. A craft shaped like a fifty pence piece (see drawing) appeared outside her window. She estimated size as 'large' (8 feet high, 6 feet wide) and it consisting of two casings. An outer one like perspex and an inner one like red metal. Glass or perspex squares (about 4 inches square) were inset in a ribbed structure on both top and bottom. The centre consisted of a dark green band about one foot wide with a gap in the middle (as if the top and bottom of the craft did not quite fit together). On top and bottom were two small dark green ridges with a row of yellow lights underneath the top one. The surface of the object glowed orange.



Inset in the squares there were yellow lights. These were in two rows, six nearest the middle and four nearest the ends.

The object hovered for five minutes, very close to the witness, enabling her to take in all this wealth of detail. After this a sudden wind came and blew a cloud onto the scene. This looked ordinary except it was low, perhaps at rooftop height. The object now pivoted suddenly and flew at great speed away behind the cloud.

Following this sighting the witness reports the sighting of a shadowy figure in her home by her husband, and at 2.25 am a year after the incident, she herself was awoken by knocking on the door only to find a big white dog there staring in at her. She went away and the knocking began again. This time nobody was there. She then went up stairs, put out the lights and waited with the window open. It began again and she was able to look out and see nobody there. The next day there was a UFO sighting reported in the town from that same night.

The classic descriptions of poltergeist activity is further added to by testimony that a slipper was seen to rise in the air on its own.

Note similarities in object and date between tgis and Eccles object (Aug 24 1977)

Report 77/162 January 1 1977 Cheshire Level B FUFOR

At 16.40 Mr Moses was travelling down Middlewich road in the direction of Crewe. When approximately half way between Crewe and Nantwich he noticed a cigar shaped object of a silvery white colour. It had rounded ends. It was seen in the NNE at an elevation of 15 degrees and was of undetermined size. After 10 - 15 seconds it seemed to turn and just disappear. There were several other witnesses in the area.

Two reports from Ireland

Thanks are due to investigators from the IURC for two new cases, one of which is of sufficient interest to have warranted a UFOIN follow through. This occurred between 00.30 and 02.00 on April 18 1977 at the town of Newbridge, Co Kildare. It involves the close encounter with a saturn-like object emitting a humming noise, which tilted on its axis before moving into the sky. A very comprehensive report has been produced for UFOIN and a detailed study will be included in FSR. The second observation took place at Donaghadee in county Down on

May 17 1977 and involves three witnesses to a white light moving south. It was in view 23 seconds and was the size of a pinhead at arms length. Some UHF radio

interference was noted before the event NEWBRIDGE April 18 1977

but this need not have been attributable to it. Indeed it is thought this was a satellite

Report 77/163/4 July 17 1977 Nantwich, Cheshire Level B FUFOR

Mr B Mather with two friends was walking around the Barony Hospital at about 02.20 when they observed two bright white lights travelling E to NW followed by another light moving E to W. The first moved very fast and was only in view seconds. The second was in view ten minutes.

On the same night at Crewe one witness at 02.45 reported a very bright orange star like light moving NNE to N at elevation 15 degrees. It faded away into nothing.

The weather from both locations was overcast.

Report 77/165 July 31 1977 Blisco, Cumbria Level C FAPURG

A party of 20 adults and schoolchildren fell walking in the Langdale Pikes saw an unusual object at about 16.00 in the midst of the Cumbria flap. It was like a rocket travelling horizontally and was larger than a car in size. It moved slowly at elevation 75 degrees making no sound at all. It was silver in colour and had no visible protrusion

After 2 to 3 minutes it faded into the distance in the west. An aircraft then flew by apparently following it towards the atomic power plant nearby. This was audible.

A policeman from the Ambleside station was on patrol driving his van at 03.15 on a roas near Kirkstone. It was a clear, starry night. He spotted an intensely blue light in the sky. It was the same colour as an electric arc and shaped something like an oldfashioned street lamp. He estimated size as being 15 yds across the top. It was stationary and below the summit of Wansfell. He got out of the car to see it better and then drove along the edge of Lake Windermere to try to obtain a better view. After ten minutes he lost sight of it and it did not return to view.



Report 77/167

August 24 1977

Peel Green, Eccles, Gt Mcr LEVEL A MUFORA

The witness to this case is an elderly lady. She was unpegging washing in her garden when she heard a deep sounding hum. On looking up she saw an egg shaped object which she felt was some distance away, but even on reconstruction insists was the size of a TABLOID NEWSPAPER held at arms length. It had a rim or band around it and the bottom appeared to be polished.



silver with dark spots on it. There were either six or eight of these. The top part of the rim was of a fluorescent, mother of pearl appearance. The time of sighting was 16.00 and total duration 20 seconds. It hovered in the NNW at 60 degrees elevation. She turned round momentarily and on looking back it had gone. Note the similarity with report 77/149 and also the other cases on the same date (below). The witness has had psychic experiences (seeing an apparition on a death bed once).

Report 77/168

AUGUST 24 1977

Crewe, Cheshire

LEVEL A FUFOR

At about 21.40 12 year old Ian Capwell saw a circular disc from his bedroom window. It changed colour, red, green and orange. He went outside and watched it with two of his friends for five to ten minutes. It was in the NNE. It appeared again about three minutes later and Ian watched it from his bedroom for a further five minutes.

Report 77/169

AUGUST 24 1977

Crewe, Cheshire

LEVEL C FUFOR

A white light was observed by two brothers. It accelerated and decelerated and went in and out of cloud, apparently dropping lower. It was first seen at 60 degrees elevation SW heading NE. It was in view 3 minutes. It grew to the brightness of the moon and then just vanished at elevation 15 degrees. Time 23.27

Report 77/170

AUGUST 26 1977

Coppenhall, Cheshire

LEVEL A FUFOR

A woman, her husband and their 12 year old son saw a very brilliant object in the NW sky at 20.30. It had a sharply defined 'Square box' shape with a bright tail on it. It remained stationary at 45 degrees elevation for five minutes. They did not see it disappear.

Report 77/171

AUGUST 28 1977

Beswick, Grt Manchester

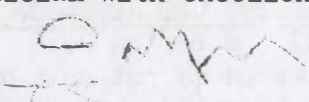
LEVEL C MUFORA

A group of people in their twenties were travelling along Ashton Road in a van. They saw a very bright light in the sky and stopped the van for a better look it was in the NE and moving NW from elevation 45 to 75 degrees. The glow was similar to a gas lamp. It rose and moved towards them. They ran and the object turned and headed in the direction of Gorton. It appeared boomerang shaped and had red lights underneath. It made a loud rumbling noise. It then flew out of sight very fast. Time 00.45.



Report 77/172 September 1 1977 Haworth, West Yorks LEVEL C Sue Stead

Our thanks are due to Mrs Stead for investigating this case for us. It concerns a Mr and Mrs Greenwood (Mr Greenwood) is an optician with excellent eyesight who were travelling by car at 00.30 on a clear night close to some hills. They spotted the object over a hill, and wound down the window for a better view. The size was that of a 10p piece at one foot (suggested size of 60 feet by 20 feet high). Mrs Greenwood says that it was totally spherical whilst Mr Greenwood says that it had a flat bottom. It was a murky green colour. After hovering for some seconds it suddenly accelerated away at an incredible speed (very much faster than an aircraft seen later).



Report 77/173 September 6 1977 Irlam, Gtr Manchester LEVEL A MUFORA

Miss Janet Sergeant observed a light in the sky at 21.30. It was in the WSW and on the horizon, rooftops and trees. It flashed green with an orange edge and an elliptical orange centre. After four seconds it flashed out. It was probably some form of optical phenomenon associated with the sunset.

Report 77/174 September 8 1977 Sandbach, Cheshire LEVEL C MUFORA

Mr Maxter heard a terrible sound which lingered over his rooftop for some minutes. He went outside with his two sons to see what was causing it. They all saw a dull white object with a bright orange centre. It was in the SE at 60 degree elevation and frightened the witnesses considerably. After about two minutes Mr Maxter went indoors to tell his wife and the sons saw it tilt and rise into the clouds spinning. Time 21.06.



Report 77/175 September 10 1977 Shavington, Cheshire LEVEL B FUFOR

A single witness saw a rectangular object at 75 degree elevation. It was the apparent size of a 2p at arms length and was very bright. It was seen from a car, and the passenger saw it also. It moved at great speed and vanished abruptly after 7 seconds.

Report 77/176 September 10 1977 Crewe, Cheshire LEVEL B FUFOR

The witness was in the vicinity of the speedway track at 22.15 when a bright round light was seen at 25 degree elevation. It changed direction and traversed the path along which it had come. After a few seconds it disappeared. At about 24.00 a similar object was seen from a different part of Crewe by the witness.

Report 77/177 October 12 1977 Warton, Lancashire LEVEL E Ian Cresswell

This interesting case is being followed through for UFOIN by Ian. It concerns a strange object seen by many witnesses from the village at 19.30. It was the size of a small aircraft and had colored lights on its underside. One was red and two were white, all of which were flashing. Descriptions vary slightly as the drawings show, but all attest to a sound it made, described as a buzzing in some instances and a soft bumping in others. One of the witnesses TAPE RECORDED the sound the object made!



Report 77/178 October 1977 Millfarm, Cheshire/Staffs LEVEL A UFORA

An unusual incident this involving a young farm owner two miles from Alsager who found nine small rings suddenly appear in his hay field. They were 2 to 3 inches wide and spread over a large extent of field. Cows did not evade them at all. They were bare inside (almost as if scorched) and fungi grew in them. A whitish powdery deposit, going down several inches, was found in the rings. This was not found anywhere else and is being analysed. The rings were in no formation and sizes varied. It is possible some fungal virus is the cause. This is being checked. No reports of any strange objects in the area have been received.

NEWS ROUND UP:

We have another new group to welcome into the NUFON association. Although they come in an area already well covered they are a useful addition to our ranks. Called the CONGLETON UFO RESEARCH TEAM their address is:

Michael Cottrell 8 Barton Road Congleton Cheshire CW12 3HB

They have been asked to put on a display in the local building society window. MAPIT ask it to be noted that their subscription/membership is now £2.30, with single issues of SKYWATCH being 29p including postage. I should also like to give a mention to a terrific new publication: CATALOGUE OF UFO SIGHTINGS IN ESSEX FOR 1976. This is produced by UFOIN member Andy Collins and contains a wealth of reports, drawings, statistical tables etc. Its a most important little booklet, well produced by NUFOIS on their litho machine. Excellent value for 85p from: ANDY COLLINS 19 St Davids Way Wickford Essex SS11 8EX

Finally a reminder to you all about the NUFON subscription - ITS NOW DUE

The cost for all 1978 issues is £3 (but £4 only for two issues sent to one address)

A new feature we have decided to include is a group biography each month. Write about your group and send it to Paul Whetnall at the editorial address: *

MUFORA: Its Quality not quantity that counts!

MUFORA has been around since the early 1960's (about 1963 we think, though none of its founder members remain). However, it really took off in 1969 when Peter Warrington came onto the scene, eventually to take the chairmanship. MUFORA is a very undemocratic organisation. It doesn't elect its chairman and it doesn't have an official committee (though Peter, along with Jenny Randles and Jeff Porter, are regarded almost in this vein by the membership). Long ago MUFORA decided that it was not interested in attracting a large membership. It went for quality. Recently it tightened up and now potential members have to fill out detailed forms saying how they can contribute to the group. Membership is only offered after a trial period (usually of about six months). However, the group has now grown to a strong contingent of a dozen who are fully committed to it. Meetings are held behind closed doors each month when policy and investigation is discussed. Investigation is viewed as the chief function of the group, and with its many years of contacts has ample work to do (averaging 40 - 50 cases per year). Recently there has been a move away from investigating LITS and often these are totally ignored nowadays. Liaison with DIGAP, the other long standing local group, are good. Principally MUFORA concentrates on Greater Manchester county with DIGAP dealing with South Lancashire cases, although joint investigations have often taken place over the past three years. All cases are discussed at meetings, those of interest in depth. Media relations are good, although MUFORA prefer to use publicity by radio where close control over what transpires is possible. Several hour long phone-in shows have been given by Peter and Jenny in recent years and interviews are quite frequent. Two major article series in the Manchester Evening News have been produced with MUFORA's full cooperation. The group is very strict on its unbiased approach and holds no theories. The public are not totally ignored and open meetings are held each winter once a month. This also enables potential new members to be vetted. For the past few years a major lecture programme for the public has been held at the UMIST university. In 1974 Rex Dutta visited and attracted 200 people. In 1975 the NUFON conference was hosted with Norman Oliver and Arthur Tomlinson speaking. In 1976 Raymond Drake gave a lecture, again attracting nearly 200 (the major contributor to the MUFORA finances since subscription is low). The 1977-78 programme is more diffuse (see below) and is being subsidised by the profit from last year. There are plans for an Autumn 1978 convention to coincide with the publication of the book 'UFOs: A BRITISH VIEWPOINT' by Peter and Jenny. MUFORA have a very irregular publication called LINK. Most of their work is published via NUFON.

The programme for the lecture programme has been revised PLEASE SHECK THE NEW DATES

Mon December 5 1977	Significant UK Cases	(Jenny Randles)
Tue January 3 1978	Visitors from space? - Certainly not!	(Peter Warrington)
Tue February 7 1978	Open Forum	- a general debate cum discussion
Tue March 7 1978	Title to be decided by those attending earlier meetings	

All meetings will include discussion time and are at the MITRE HOTEL, by the Cathedral in central Manchester and will begin at 8pm (doors to open 7.30)